

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 745
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James R. "Bobby"
Woods of Tiptonville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of James R. "Bobby" Woods; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a vital force in Lake County, Bobby Woods, at the time of his death, served as a Tiptonville Alderman and Vice Mayor, Senior Member of the Road Commission, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Tennessee Port Authority; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Mayor of Tiptonville from 1977 to 1983, in which position he earned the respect of his constituents for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods served his community and state well in countless capacities and his passing has left a void in Lake County and Tennessee that will not soon to be filled; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Woods was an active and devout member of the Crockett Chapel United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as the Superintendent of Sunday School, pianist, Chairman of the Church Council and Board of Trustees, and a member of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, an avid hunter, fisher, and all around sportsman, Mr. Woods was a member of the Reelfoot Crappie Club, along with his wife, he won the first Crappiethon fishing tournament on Reelfoot Lake; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Woods was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Sarah Jane Ashley Woods, and was the proud father of Autumn Leigh Woods; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and daughter, Bobby Woods will be deeply missed by his parents, Mary Virginia and Carlos Woods, and his sister, Martha Jean Woods; and

WHEREAS, James R. "Bobby" Woods leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James R. "Bobby" Woods, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Woods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.